By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, claims 1-57 have been

amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by

the changes which do not narrow the claim scope.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as

amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is

respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the

undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated

below.

Respectfully submitted,

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